

### IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original): A patch for covering a portion of the anatomical surface of a living being, said patch being able to adhere to the skin or mucosa, and/or a wound, said patch comprising a backing layer and a layer of a skin-friendly adhesive for adhering to the skin or mucosa, said adhesive comprises hydrocolloid particles, wherein at least along the periphery of the patch the thickness of the adhesive layer is 20-300  $\mu\text{m}$  and the vapour permeability of the patch is 200-1000  $\text{g/m}^2$  and the absorption of the patch is 40-600  $\text{g/m}^2/6\text{h}$ .

Claim 2 (original): A patch according to claim 1, wherein the patch has a substantially uniform thickness.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A patch according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the absorption of the patch is 50-400  $\text{g/m}^2/6\text{h}$ .

Claim 4 (currently amended): A patch according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the thickness of the adhesive layer is 30-200  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 5 (currently amended): A patch according ~~any of the preceding claims~~ to claim 1 wherein the vapour permeability of the patch is 300-800  $\text{g/m}^2$ .

Claim 6 (currently amended): A patch according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the hydrocolloid particles have a size being substantially less than 125  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 7 (currently amended): A patch according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the hydrocolloid particles have a size being substantially less than 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 8 (currently amended): A patch according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the patch has a reflectance lower than 5.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A patch according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the backing layer is a polyurethane film.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A patch according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the backing layer has a thickness of less than 30  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 11 (currently amended): A patch according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the adhesive layer is uninterrupted.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A patch according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the patch comprises an absorbent pad.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A patch according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the patch comprises one or more cavities.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A patch according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the patch further comprises one or more active ingredients.